

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 15, 2013.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Mark Hammond, Secretary of State of South Carolina, indicating that, at the Special Election held on May 7, 2013, the Honorable Mark Sanford was duly elected Representative in Congress for the First Congressional District, State of South Carolina.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
By Her Excellency

The Governor and Commander-In-Chief In
and Over the State Aforesaid

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR TWO-YEAR TERM
To the Clerk of the United States House of
Representatives

This is to Certify Pursuant to South Carolina Code §7-17-330 that on this Seventh Day of May, 2013 Mark Sanford, First Congressional District, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the state of South Carolina as representative in Congress from said state to represent said state in the House of Representatives of the United States for the term of two years, beginning on the fifteenth day of May 2013.

Witness: Her Excellency our Governor Nikki Haley, and our seal hereto affixed at Columbia, South Carolina this fourteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, 2013.

NIKKI R. HALEY,
Governor.

MARK HAMMOND,
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE MARK SANFORD, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will Representative-elect Sanford and the members of the South Carolina delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise his right hand.

Mr. SANFORD appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 113th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE MARK SANFORD TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from South Carolina

(Mr. WILSON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolina is very fortunate. Due to the quality of life in South Carolina, tens of thousands are moving to the Palmetto State from the Midwest and Northeast, and from around the world.

South Carolina has gained a new seat in Congress to include the communities of Myrtle Beach and Florence, now held by TOM RICE. This new Seventh District rotated all districts, creating a unique district of the First. The First District of South Carolina is virtually 10 miles wide along the Atlantic Coast from McClellanville in Charleston County to Defauskie Island in Beaufort County. It's a special district to TOM and myself in that we were both born in Charleston, America's most historic city. The district is a composite of America.

In the district's first election, TIM SCOTT was elected as only the second African American from South Carolina elected to Congress in 100 years. We are grateful Governor Nikki Haley appointed Congressman TIM SCOTT to serve in the U.S. Senate. This created a replacement primary with 16 participants, the largest number ever in a congressional primary.

We are here today to recognize the survivor of the primary, run-off, and general election—Congressman MARK SANFORD.

I yield to Congressman DAVID PRICE of North Carolina.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in place of the dean of the South Carolina delegation, Congressman JIM CLYBURN, who is away this week on family medical leave, and asked me to read this statement:

Swearing-in Day is always about new beginnings. In that spirit, I want to extend the hand of collegiality to Mark Sanford as he begins a new chapter of service to the people of South Carolina and this great country in the U.S. House of Representatives. Though our past differences have been widely chronicled and we bring different sets of experiences to the public square, I will always work to find common ground as we fulfill our duties and responsibilities to the people who sent us here.

Mr. Speaker, MARK SANFORD's colleagues in the Carolinas delegations join Mr. CLYBURN in wishing MARK well and welcoming him back to the House.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. I yield to Congressman MARK SANFORD of the First District of South Carolina.

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, I look forward to working with each one of you. Republican and Democrat, different perspectives we may hold, but at the end of the day we are here to represent the people of South Carolina, and I look forward to going about that business with you.

I see friends, like ELIOT ENGEL, who were so kind to call me in the wake of

the events of 2009, Democrat that he may be. I see a whole host of Republicans, long friends; and it is, indeed, an honor to be back with each one of you.

I look forward to working with you on a whole host of issues. Obviously, the greatest among them for me will be efforts to get our financial house back in order here in Washington, D.C. But above all else, here on this day, I am simply humbled to be here.

Each one of our lives involves different journeys, but on that journey I think that we can, in essence, be taken to places wherein we develop levels of appreciation perhaps that we never had before.

And so I stand here before each one of you more appreciative than I ever could have been for the honor of working with each one of you here in the United States Congress, the Congress of the Nation most blessed of all nations here on this Earth. I stand before you most appreciative of the people of the First Congressional District of South Carolina that JOE just alluded to, a people who have taught me a whole lot about love and humility, about wisdom, and about grace. I stand before you, I guess, with a whole new appreciation, indeed, for a God of second chances, and how in the events of our lives, up or down they may be, how every one of us can be refined as human beings in that process. I stand before you as a human being most appreciative in whole new ways for the significance of family and friends.

In that regard, I see Belen up there; I see my sons Marshall and Landon; I see my sister Sarah and her husband, Bill; I see my mom, Peg; I see a long list of different friends.

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I would thank them for their presence here to share this day. I would thank a long list of friends, whether that's Buff Chace, whom I've known for the whole of my life, or somebody like Joe Taylor, who was my Secretary of Commerce while I was Governor.

In essence, each one of them is an emissary, a representative, to thousands who were so kind to hold me up through the last couple of years and to be instrumental in this election that brought me to this very place. Above all else, though, I am simply humbled to be here, and I look forward to working with each one of you.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from South Carolina, the whole number of the House is 434.